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SUBJ: BRITISH LABORITE SEES VICE PREMIER TENG

1. ROY JENKINS, FORMER BRITISH LABOR PARTY NO. 2, HAD HOUR AND HALF INTERVIEW WITH VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-P'ING SEPTEMBER 4. THOUGH HOPING TO SEE PREMIER CHOU AND SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED AT HAVING TO SETTLE FOR A VICE PREMIER, JENKINS FOUND TENG AN INTERESTING MIXTURE OF THE AUTHORITATIVE AND THE UNSURE. HAVING DELIVERED HIMSELF, FOR EXAMPLE, OF THE STANDARD ANTI-SOVIET LINE, WARNING OF A RUSSIAN ATTACK IN THE WEST IF EUROPE PERMITTED ITSELF TO BECOME TOO WEAK, TENG THEN OPINED FIRMLY (IN RESPONSE TO A JENKINS QUESTION) THAT A RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS WAS "POSSIBLE", THOUGH NOT PROBABLE. IDEOLOGICALLY, THE SINO-SOVIET SPLIT WAS IRREVOCABLE, BUT CHINA COULD MOVE CLOSER TO THE SOVIET UNION ON THE STATE LEVEL.

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2. TENG WAS WEAK ON OTHER ASPECTS OF EUROPEAN SECURITY,

ESPECIALLY WHEN COMPARED TO VICE FONMIN CH'IAO KUAN-HUA,
WITH WHOM JENKINS HAD SPOKEN TWO DAYS BEFORE. DESPITE HIS
LACK OF GRASP, HE DID NOT MOVE OFF INTERNATIONAL SUBJECTS
TO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, AS JENKINS HOPED HE WOULD. WHEN
JENKINS ASKED TENG ABOUT THE SCOPE OF HIS CURRENT DUTIES,
TENG REPLIED THAT HE DID "A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING."
JENKINS

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